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MDCH Stakeholders:

As many of you are already aware, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services released a new rule in 2014 for home and community-based services waivers. The new rule affects 1915 (c) waiver programs. The Department has since developed a statewide transition plan to bring its waiver programs into compliance with the new rule.

As part of the transition process, the Department must determine whether settings under these waivers have “home and community-based” characteristics. For this purpose, the Department is developing a set of “survey tools” to assess individual settings for home and community-based characteristics. The Department will also be developing “scoring rubrics” to determine the compliance of each setting with the rule.

The following waiver programs will use the survey tools and scoring rubrics as outlined below:

WAIVER PROGRAM	SURVEY TOOL	SCORING RUBRIC
Children’s Waiver Program	All settings under this waiver are presumed compliant. The Department will not assess settings under this waiver using the survey tools.	All settings under this waiver are presumed compliant. The Department will not assess settings under this waiver using the survey tools.
Waiver for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances	All settings under this waiver are presumed compliant. The Department will not assess settings under this waiver using the survey tools.	All settings under this waiver are presumed compliant. The Department will not assess settings under this waiver using the survey tools.
Habilitation Supports Waiver	Residential Provider Tool (Habilitation Supports), Non-Residential Provider Tool (Habilitation Supports), Participant Tool, and Pre-paid Inpatient Health Plan Tool	Habilitation Supports Waiver Scoring Rubric
MI Choice Waiver	Residential Provider Tool (MI Choice) and Non-Residential Provider Tool (MI Choice)	MI Choice Waiver Scoring Rubric
MI Health Link HCBS Waiver	Residential Provider Tool (MI Health Link HCBS) and Non-Residential Provider Tool (MI Health Link HCBS)	MI Health Link HCBS Scoring Rubric

The Department released draft versions of the surveys tools for stakeholder review on January 20, 2015. The stakeholder review period ended on February 20, 2015, and the Department has reviewed the feedback that stakeholders submitted during this process.

The Department has published the following survey tools. Assessment tools that have been finalized by the Department can be found on the Department’s website at www.michigan.gov/mdch >> Health Care Coverage >> Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition.

- Residential Provider Tool (MI Health Link HCBS)
- Non-Residential Provider Tool (MI Health Link HCBS)

The survey tools for the MI Choice and Habilitation Supports Waivers will be published at a later date.

Individuals and providers should only complete the survey tool if they are contacted by one of the following entities:

- **The Michigan Department of Community Health**
- **A MI Choice Waiver agent**
- **An Integrated Care Organization**
- **A Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan**
- **The Developmental Disabilities Institute of Wayne State University**

If you have questions or comments on the assessment process or transition process, please send an email to HCBSTransition@michigan.gov. The Department also published a Frequently Asked Questions document on its website to provide additional information on transition process. The Frequently Asked Questions document can be found on the Department's website at www.michigan.gov/mdch >> Health Care Coverage >> Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition.

Thank you for your continued interest and support for this process.

Regards,

Home and Community-Based Services Program Transition Team